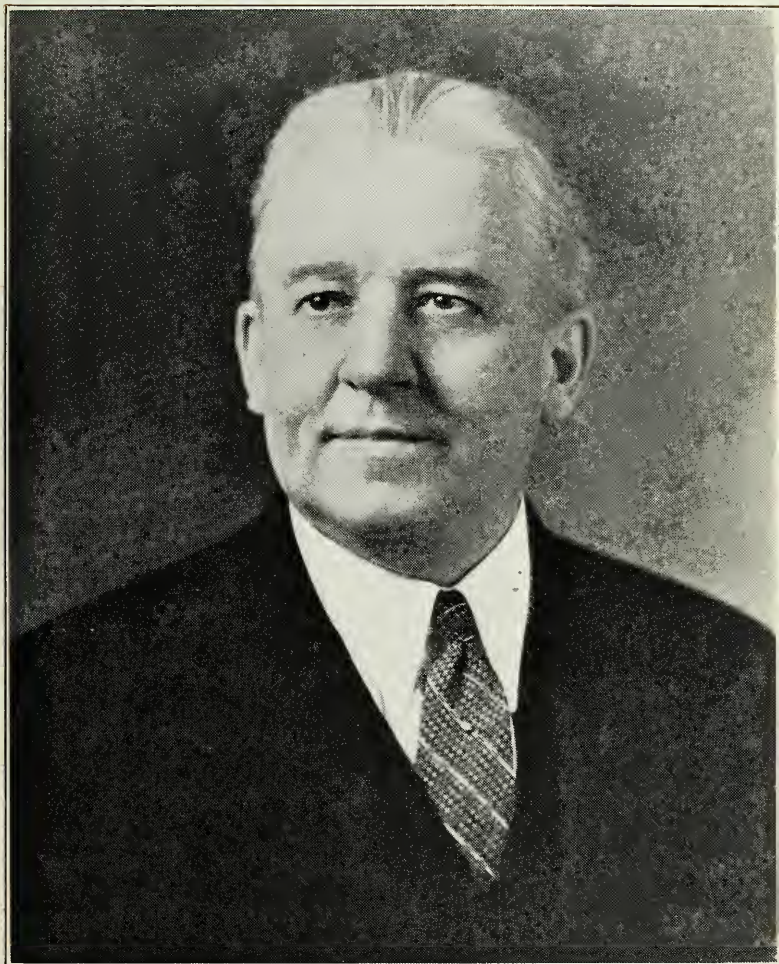


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Elder Melvin J. Ballard

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

ELDER Melvin J. Ballard, Apostle of the Lord, tireless Church worker, a man of inspiring counsel and profound knowledge of Gospel principles, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Sunday, July 30th. To him this issue of the STAR is dedicated. See page 536.



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Three Degrees of Glory

By ELDER MELVIN J. BALLARD

Of the Council of the Twelve

THE greatest revelation the Lord Jesus Christ has ever given to man, so far as a record is made, was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith on the 16th of April, 1832, known as the 76th section of the book of Doctrine and Covenants, commonly called for years and still known as "The Vision." I say, this to my mind is the climax of all wonderful revelations that have come from the Lord from the days of Father Adam until the present moment.

Men have been groping in darkness on some subjects, even

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Elder Ballard

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in Gospel dispensations of the past. They have not known the fulness of God's plan and purpose for the salvation of His sons and daughters, but surely this is a glorious time, for this is the dispensation of the fulness of times and all that men have ever had in all former dispensations has been given at once in this dispensation, and much that was not had in other dispensations. Oh! how wonderful it is to live now, when we are not in doubt concerning not only ourselves, but the whole plan of salvation, not only for the living, but for the dead.

Men have been speculating as to God's provisions for the salvation of His children. There have been those in the past and some still remain who teach that if by the smallest margin one fails to meet the conditions of the Gospel they lose eternal salvation and are eternally damned; and on the other hand, there are those who believe that certain individuals are marked and designated, predestined, to come into this life to be saved no matter what they do, and others to be eternally lost. There are those who are so narrow as to believe that if in this life men have not found the Way, the Light and Truth there is no hope for them beyond the grave. I rejoice to live, when the fulness of truth has been given and when an answer has been made clearly and definitely in the word of the Lord to all queries on this subject. . . .

It makes little difference in one respect whether a man has a faith or not, or what his persuasion may be. It is not his pro-

fession that will bring him salvation, it is his works, his faith and his devotion and his ability to comply with the terms and conditions God has provided for man's salvation, but every man that does good is drawing toward God no matter what his faith is. That is true, therefore, whichever road he travels, according to the amount of good he does, he is advancing toward the great goal, toward God and toward salvation in His Kingdom.

I recognize the fact that no man will get all the way to the end of the road and gain a fulness of salvation in the Celestial Kingdom of God unless he complies with all the terms and all the conditions of salvation in that Kingdom. The Master said, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

I now say to all the world that no man, or woman, ever shall see the Celestial Kingdom of God who is not baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The Lord has specified it. He made it so binding and complete when after announcing the law he complied with every term Himself, though perfect, so that no man who imagines himself to be perfect here can excuse himself or herself from obedience to the law of baptism. It is the door, the gate to Celestial Glory. . . .

Is there anything that you have ever dreamed of that you wanted, that you longed for? Into the hands of those who attain this glory shall all things be given.

WHAT a world of meaning! You can ponder over that all the rest of your lives and every thought and aspiration of the human heart in righteousness that it is possible for men to conceive of will be but a fraction of that which is comprehended in this statement, that unto them shall be given all things, because it is not possible for mortals to think of a thousandth part of what this means. . . .

Now, I would like to say a word or two about that Mormon truism, namely: "As man is, God once was, and as God is, man may become."

Note that it is not to the effect that man will become, but man may become, and I wish to say that few men will become what God is. And yet, all men may become what He is if they will pay the price. . . .

Here is a significant statement. I have said that in addition to one's baptism of the water and of the Spirit, which is essential for admission to the kingdom of God, we are to add to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility and diligence. If these things be not in us, we are blind and cannot see afar, but if they are in us they will make us so that we will be able to make our calling and election sure.

A man may receive the priesthood and all its privileges and blessings, but until he learns to overcome the flesh, his temper, his tongue, his disposition to indulge in the things God has forbidden, he cannot come into the Celestial Kingdom of God—he must overcome either in this life or in the life to come. But this life is the time in which men are to repent. Do not let any of us imagine that we can go down to the grave not having overcome the corruptions of the flesh and then lose in the grave

all our sins and evil tendencies. They will be with us. They will be with the spirit when separated from the body. . . .

Do you comprehend, you who gain Celestial glory, the privilege of dwelling in the presence of God and His Christ forever and ever? What did it mean to have in the world, during His ministry, for three brief years the Lord Jesus Christ—not the Father, just the Son? It was the most wonderful privilege the world has ever had. What would you give tonight for the privilege of standing in the presence of the Son for five minutes? You would give all your earthly possessions for that privilege. Then can you comprehend the full meaning and significance of the statement that those who gain Celestial Glory will have the privilege of dwelling in the presence of the Father and the Son forever and ever? That, in itself, will be reward enough for the struggle to obtain the prize. Yea, it is beyond price and earthly possessions. Even the giving of life itself would be a trifle for the privilege to dwell forever and ever in the presence of the Father and the Son. . . .

I cannot begin to tell you what that means—to enjoy the blessings and privileges of dwelling in Christ's presence forever and ever. I know how the soul is thrilled, I know the feeling that comes by being in His presence for but a moment. I would give all that I am, all that I hope to be, to have the joy of His presence, to dwell in His love and His affection and to be in favour with the Master of all things forever and ever. . . .

He who enters the Celestial Glory has the advantage over all others. He dwells in the presence of the Father and the Son. His teachers are the highest. The others will receive all they learn from the Celestial to the Terrestrial, from the Terrestrial to the Telestial. They get it second hand and third hand, and how can they ever hope to grow as fast as those who drink from the fountain head. . . .

Therefore, I say, my brothers and sisters, the Lord has distinctly settled the question of our status, as established in our resurrection from the dead. If we have earned a Celestial body, we may have Celestial glory. Yet many of the Saints will wake up and find they have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage. . . .

Let us be earnest in this work. It will cast an influence over your whole families. It will strengthen your faith. It will add testimony to your faith. Surely there is peace and joy in it. May you find it, and may every one go hence with a firm resolve, such as we have never had before, that we will make our calling and election sure, that at the last day our records may be clear, that there may be no clouds upon our titles, that we may receive our inheritance in the Celestial Glory of our God. If that shall be our reward, our joy will be full, beyond all my power to tell you. May the Lord help us to have a clear conscience and to do every day that which we ought to do. I am more concerned for the living than for the dead, when I realize that when the bridegroom cometh, five, or one-half, of the virgins shall be asleep, without oil in their lamps. That will not be the world, that will be the Latter-day Saints. Will you

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Another Birthday

By ALOA DIXON

British Mission Primary Supervisor

AS the Primary Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints approaches another anniversary of its founding, the Primary workers of the British Mission wish to take this opportunity to express gratitude to those courageous Pioneer mothers who under the guiding influence of Our Heavenly Father saw the need for such an organization.

To such women as Aurelia S. Rogers, called to preside over the first Primary meeting held in Farmington, Utah, and others who helped her, we of today are most grateful. She was of that sturdy Pioneer stock that knew no obstacle or difficulty too large to overcome.



May Anderson

*Church Primary
Superintendent*

She was but one of the mothers of that rough western country faced with the problem of giving their children the necessary foundation upon which to build a life of usefulness. With her sympathetic understanding of the needs of boys and girls, she saw the necessity for more religious and moral training than homes alone could give. It was important that refinement and culture be introduced into the lives of those young people to counteract the down-drag of those rough Pioneer days. She said, "The children should be taught to be better helps in their homes, to improve their manners, to learn everything that is good; they should also be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The statement, "The child is father of the man," had a special meaning to her. Teaching a child the correct principles of living during his young and impressionable years is of vital importance to his later life. With such thoughts Aurelia Rogers sought and received help from other women of her community.

On August 11th, 1878, Aurelia Spencer Rogers was set apart as president of the first Primary Association of the Church. The first meeting was held in Farmington, Utah, on August 25th, 1878, with 215 children in attendance.

The programme consisted of "singing, prayer, often in concert and often by the individual child himself, lesson participation upon such subjects as obedience, faith in God, punctuality, good manners, Word of Wisdom, the memorization of Bible and Book of Mormon verses, gems, articles of faith, etc. Other outside activities were provided such as entertainments, picnics in groves and parties in homes where games were taught."

Thus we see the actual basis of Primary work for those Pioneer children. The Primary was to assist the home in character education. With such courageous women as those mothers of the western frontier to direct the work through the guidance and inspiration of the Lord, the Primary organization began to thrive.

Step by step it forged ahead through many trials and difficulties, but with the true Pioneer spirit undaunted, never losing faith or courage in its goal, that of helping to instill within the hearts of those children the right principles for living the "good life." By 1880 the Primary had grown to such an extent that the President of the Church, John Taylor, saw the need of a central board to supervise and unify the constantly increasing groups. At a conference for Primary workers on June 19th, 1880, Louie B. Felt, always active in Primary work, was appointed General President of all the Primary Associations.

After 45 years of very active work in the Primary, Sister Felt was succeeded by May Anderson, who is still the general superintendent.



A British Primary Group

The organization has grown from 215 children in one community to nearly 100,000 children from all parts of the world and from all religions. It has become today one of the finest organizations in the world for education of children.

The Primaries of the British Mission are proud to be a part of such an organization. We understand and realize that the young people of today are no different from those of

1878 with respect to their needs in education.

In these days of tottering ideals and principles, the need of supplementing the busy home life is just as necessary as it was to help those Pioneer mothers bring culture and refinement to their homes. Each child must be taught the meaning of the word "faith"—faith in our heavenly Father and as a result of that faith a desire to live in accordance with His revealed will. With this knowledge he is less likely to be caught in the pitfalls of error as he travels the high-way of life.

Those who have been called to work in the Primary Association should hold such a calling very sacred. Each worker of this organization, consciously or unconsciously, to a great degree influences the lives of hundreds of boys and girls.

They are officers in command upon the battle field. Their duty is to take these mouldable bits of humanity placed in their hands by trusting parents, and teach them the Gospel of Christ. It is their sacred charge to help build the characters

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GLANCES AT CHURCH HISTORY

Brief accounts of interesting events which occurred at a corresponding time of some previous year.

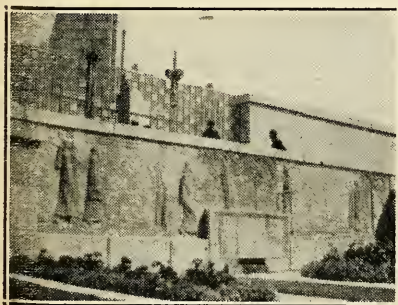
August 21st, 1809:—Apostle Charles C. Rich was born in Campbell County, Kentucky.

August 24th, 1868:—Apostle Joseph F. Merrill was born at Richmond, Cache County, Utah. Elder Merrill was ordained an apostle in 1931, and served as European Mission president from October, 1933, to September, 1936.

His most prominent special work since his return to Utah has been the directing of the Church Anti-Liquor and Tobacco campaign, started last year.

August 25th, 1878:—Under the direction of Sister Aurelia S. Rogers, the first meeting of the Primary Association of the Church was held in Farmington, Utah. Sisters Rogers was set apart by President John Taylor as president of this new organization. The organization, started with 215 children, now has nearly 100,000 upon its rolls, and its membership includes children of most of the civilized nations of the world. See page 533.

August 26th, 1883:—The first permanent branch of the Church was organized among the Maoris of New Zealand by Elder Ira N. Hinkley, Jr., at Papawai. Manihera, a native chief, was ordained to the office of priest and appointed branch president.



Sculptor Work on the Canadian Temple

August 26th, 1906:—President Joseph F. Smith, the first president of the Church to visit Europe, delivered an address in Finsbury Town Hall, London.

August 26th, 1923:—The Cardston Temple, Alberta, Canada, first to be built within the confines of the British Empire, was dedicated by President Heber J. Grant.

PERSONAL

PERRY—Brother and Sister William A. Perry, of Pontlanfraith Branch, are the parents of triplets, a daughter and two sons, born on Sunday, August 6th, at Victoria Cottage Hospital, Abergavenny.

The new-arrivals are the first triplets to be born in this hospital. Mother (née Muriel Huxtable) and children are reported to be doing well.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1939

EDITORIAL

Melvin J. Ballard

WE are dedicating this issue of the MILLENNIAL STAR to Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, notice of whose death reached us recently. He passed away at 7.50 p.m., Sunday, July 30th, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Elder Ballard was truly one of the great leaders of the Church. In addition to having filled many other appointments, he has for the past twenty years served as a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles with credit and distinction.

While Elder Ballard was not so well known personally in Europe, he having confined his missionary labours largely to the American continent, he is known here by his writings and printed sermons, which have often appeared in these pages. That the saints and friends in Europe may know of the high esteem in which he was held by his associates, we quote from excerpts and statements made by them, and printed in the *Deseret News*.

An Outstanding Spiritual Leader And Citizen

The First Presidency:

"IN the passing of Elder Melvin J. Ballard, the Church has lost a great spiritual leader, the state has lost a citizen who stood for the highest ideals of citizenship. There are none so humble and none so high that they will not lose by his going."

The Council of the Twelve:

"We have parted with a beloved associate, one who has won a dear place in our hearts as in the hearts of the whole Church and of thousands beyond. . . .

"Like Enoch of old he stood upon the high places and bore testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and made plain the path that men must walk to win eternal happiness. With a surpassing gift of eloquence and a fervour born of an unquestioning certainty of the truth of the message delivered through Joseph Smith, the prophet, he called men to repentance and warned them of the folly of sin. Young and old thrilled in response to his message, called him blessed and sought a better way of life.

A Mighty Servant

"HIS soul as well as his voice poured forth music to lift mankind into lovelier lives. . . .

"In joy we his intimate associates can declare that Elder Melvin J. Ballard was indeed an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a mighty servant of the living God."

The First Council of Seventy:

"It is likely true that the Church has had few leaders more widely loved and honoured than Melvin J. Ballard, one of the greatest missionaries the Church has produced. He was an inspirational speaker, an indefatigable worker, and a sympathetic counsellor. These and other fine traits of character earned for him a unique place in the hearts of the people, and his passing leaves us heartbroken."

The Presiding Bishopric:

"The Master said, 'If ye would be great in the Kingdom of Heaven, ye must be the servant of all.' Measured by this standard, greatness awaits him in that kingdom to which he has gone, for he truly has been a 'servant of all.'

Blessings Of Comfort And Courage

"FEW men have touched as many lives as he. When there was an opportunity to serve, he was always ready and willing to go, not only to appear in public, but to the homes of the sick and distressed. His faith and blessings have brought comfort and courage to many of our Father's children. His presentation of the Gospel and his testimony are largely responsible for bringing many converts into the Church. He was a great missionary. His sermons have inspired the youth of the Church, and their appreciation of his ministry is best attested by the manner in which they have attended meetings in which he was scheduled to speak. When we analyze our own feelings, we realize how much we are indebted to him and his ministry for inspiration, testimony and encouragement in our work, and how much we will miss him."

A Truly Great Leader

TO these expressions of love and esteem we add our own humble tribute to a great leader, a wonderful father, a devoted husband, a true friend. On behalf of the saints in Europe we extend to the family and loved ones across the sea our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this sad hour of bereavement. We mourn with them, for his passing is a personal loss to us.

We pray that the heritage of unflinching faith may pass to his lawful heirs. In the sense in which he understood the Gospel, he is not dead. He has preceded us by a few short steps into that other realm, to which, in our opinion, few mortals can go with greater confidence.

Someone has said that "in each heart there grows the sacred flower of hope to meet again the loved and lost." To him this hope had flowered into certainty. Let us who mourn his passing share his faith and face triumphantly as so often we have heard him say, "O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory?"—HUGH B. BROWN

Farewell

By ELDER JANNE M. SJODAHL

THE time has come for me to say farewell to the readers of the STAR and other friends in the British Mission. . . .

In bidding you all farewell, I desire to say, once more, on these pages, that my testimony to all the world is that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that he was raised up for the purpose of proclaiming the second advent of our Lord. No one can reject this testimony of the elders of the Church, except at his or her own peril.

Was he a deceiver? Consider the following facts:

1. He sealed his testimony by giving his life for the truths of the message he brought. No one can do more than that.

FROM the MILLENNIAL STAR of April 17th, 1919, comes this powerful message from one of the gifted writers of the Church. It was written as a farewell by Elder Sjodahl at the time of his departure from the British Isles following four and one half years' work on the staff of the STAR. Elder Sjodahl was called by death on June 23rd, 1939. It was felt that this article is so pertinent to conditions now that it would again be appropriate as a farewell—a final one—to all who remember him and to the many others who have made his acquaintance by reading his words. It is reprinted as he wrote it, except for the omission of a few sentences referring directly to conditions of the mission at that time.

2. His friends testify that they know for themselves that he was a Prophet of God. There are thousands upon thousands who so declare. Among these witnesses, there are many who were associated with him intimately, and who knew that his life was that of a man of God. They received their testimony in answer to prayer. Would God deceive them, when they humbly asked Him for light? Does God give to His praying children, a stone for bread, or error for truth?

3. Separatists, not to use, at this time, the more common word, apostates, testify that Joseph was a Prophet of God. David Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris, Sidney Rigdon, and many others of less prominence maintained to the last that the Church was established through the administration of angels. Why did they say that when they were separated from the Church, if it was false? And why did Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris return to the Church, if they had not known that God had established it? Do men voluntarily suffer contumely and persecution for a falsehood, when by exposing it they could gain honour and wealth and the friendship of the world? Those men could have had the world at their feet by proving Mormonism to be false, and they could have done so, if there had been any falsehood in it; but they preferred to testify to the truth to the last, because they knew it to be the truth.

4. Current history testifies that Joseph Smith was a Prophet

of God. He stood forth in the world, as did the mighty angel in the Revelation by John (Chapter 10), proclaiming that the end was near and that the word of prophecy was again to be given to "many peoples, nations, and tongues, and kings." He warned the inhabitants of the earth of the plagues that were to come, and every prophetic word he uttered has been fulfilled on the stage of the world's history, or will be in due time. The testimony to the truth of the message of Joseph Smith is written across the pages of the annals of the world in letters of blood.

5. God Himself testifies to the truth of the message of His servant. The promise given is that those who will investigate Mormonism with a humble desire to know the truth and with determination to do the will of the Lord, shall receive the testimony of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, and this promise has been fulfilled, and is being fulfilled daily, in the case of all who honestly put it to the test.

6. And then there are these facts to consider. Mormonism, as the Gospel of our Redeemer is generally called in our day, makes its true followers happy. It brings salvation from sin, and with this come peace and joy. Mormonism appeals to those who are honest in heart, and to none else. Those who love darkness and evil deeds shun it; those who desire the light accept it. This is an unimpeachable testimony to its truth.



Joseph Smith was no deceiver; nor was he deceived. He was a servant of the Lord, a Prophet of God, a messenger to mankind.

"Strife and conflict are still rife among men." The Latter-day Saints have a great and important mission just now. The old political world-structures are falling. Churches have lost their bearing and are drifting hither and thither, with every changing wind and current. Their most far-seeing men declare that only in union of effort is there salvation. Society is disintegrating. Strife and conflict are still rife among men. In this chaos of thought and human endeavour, the Latter-day Saints are called upon to lay the only possible foundation for a new order. Their work is constructive, as was that of Enoch, who built the City of Zion before the flood came. They have a great work to do, for the salvation of the human family, both living and dead, and the establishment of the Millennial reign. May we all realize our opportunities, as well as our duties and responsibilities! May we live as Latter-day Saints, and perform our duties faithfully!

Let us remember our prayers. Praying saints become pre-
 vailing saints. As one has well said, "Those who go farthest on in the school of prayer and learn most of its hidden secrets often develop a sort of prescience which comes nearest to the prophetic spirit, the Holy Spirit, showing them 'things to come.' They seem, like Savonarola, to know something of the purpose of God, to anticipate His plans, and to forecast the history of

their own times." Prayer makes us strong. It was prayer that sustained our blessed Saviour in His bitterest hours of conflict with the adversary, and through prayer, the Prophet Joseph and his successors became great and mighty men of God.

Let us study the Word of God. Lincoln, it has been said, built up his whole life on the Bible. He had mastered it absolutely, mastered it, as he mastered only one or two other books; he mastered it so thoroughly that he became almost "a man of one book," who knew that book, and who instinctively put into practice what he was taught therein; and he left his life as part of the crowning work of the last century. We have, in addition to the Bible, the Word of God given to us through the Prophet Joseph, and we should study all that God has been pleased to reveal to His children.

Let us attend our meetings. Give up the mad chase of the world for the empty amusements that are absolutely harmful in their influence upon the moral sense of the present generation, and let us, instead, seek the companionship of the saints and communion with the Holy Spirit.

Let us be honest and liberal with God, in our tithes and offerings. They are for the furtherance of His Cause, and for our own education in faith.

Let us love one another. This means that our brother's and sister's welfare should be as dear to us as our own, in every respect. It means that we should never speak evil of one another. If we do not love our brother, whom we see, how can we claim to love God, Whom we do not see? If we love God, we prove it by loving His children, and not only our own.

And now, in the language of Paul, the Apostle:

"If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

God bless His people!

THREE DEGREES OF GLORY

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be asleep or will there be oil in your lamps, my brethren and sisters? Let us stand in our places and not flatter ourselves by thinking, "I will take care of John and Mary when they are dead." Let us not procrastinate, but labour unceasingly for the salvation of our kindred, and if we succeed, oh, my brethren and sisters, if we win that prize we shall be compensated beyond all expectations. We shall receive more than we have ever dreamed of joy and happiness and eternal satisfaction, but if we miss it, if we lose it, we, whose right it is to obtain it, I cannot tell you the sting of conscience and remorse, the hell of torment we shall endure endlessly, if we miss it, through our own ignorance and foolishness. May God save us from that affliction.



ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

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of these children, for they are the future leaders of homes, the Church and of nations. The future of the world depends upon the kind of leaders that it has. What an important responsibility lies upon the Primary organization in this respect—not only for children of Latter-day Saint members, but for the children of other religions who are such an active part of this organization.

In all parts of the British Isles there are organized Primaries which are striving to follow the Master's admonition "to teach all things that are good."

This is done in various ways. From the age of 4 a child is taught the principles of faith in God, prayer, honesty, obedience, thrift, love for his fellow being and all of the virtues that are necessary to his life. He is taught to understand and appreciate the workings of God in nature and the world about him. He is taught that the home is a God-given institution, that he should love, honour and obey his parents. He is taught that he, himself, is a child of God and that as such he must walk in the paths of righteousness.

Children must have activity to round out their lives and so they are taught how to praise the Lord through music and play. They are also taught how to make use of their talents that they may begin young to improve upon them and so return them to their Heavenly Father doubled.

The Primary seeks as its ultimate goal the building of strong characters for boys and girls, men and women who will be officers in the army of the Lord.

For those courageous women who began this work and to all who have carried it forward so faithfully, we bow our heads in gratitude. We thank them for their understanding of the needs of the youth of Zion and for their untiring efforts to make this organization, which plays such an important part in the lives of the children, such a great success.

BRITISH MISSION Y.M.M.I.A. REORGANIZED

AFTER serving for four years as the President of the British Mission Y.M.M.I.A., Dr. Ray M. Russell was honourably released on the 10th of June. Dr. Russell is returning to America, his family having preceded him.

Dr. Russell has given generously of his time and means for the benefit of the Church, and especially in M.I.A. work, was the author of the Russell Award, the Building Fund Award, and has given trophies and cups to encourage activity among the young people. He will be greatly missed throughout the Mission.

We are very glad to report the appointment of Dr. John Bleakley as superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. of the British Mission. Dr. Bleakley comes to this position especially well-qualified, having served as a counsellor to Dr. Russell for some years, and is by nature and training well fitted for the work with the young people, which is his choice field. Dr. Bleakley has chosen James P. Hill as counsellor, a man well fitted by training and experience. The other counsellor will be chosen later. C. Manley Brown will act as secretary.

The M.I.A. workers look forward to a year of activity and growth, and already are making preparations for the big Mission-wide conference in Edinburgh in May, 1940.

Of Current Interest

GERMAN railways recently bettered the world passenger train speed record with an average of 124 miles per hour over the 186 mile run from Berlin to Hamburg with a three-coach, diesel-engined train.

A MICROSCOPIC electric motor was recently constructed costing a halfpenny and weighing .01195 of a gram. The motor is capable of 3,500 revolutions per minute and develops 54/10,000,000,000ths of a horsepower. A camel's hair is used to start this pin-head sized electrical unit.

DURING Thomas A. Edison's visit to the home of Luther Burbank, the great inventor was asked to sign Burbank's guest book. In addition to the ordinary columns for the names, addresses, occupations, etc., there was a final column headed "Interested in." Without hesitation Edison wrote in this last column: "Everything."

A SIMILAR bronze plaque to that set in the rock of Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul made his famous sermon to the Athenians, is to be placed in Corinth in commemoration of the great missionary work in Greece. The plaque is to contain the whole original text in ancient Greek of Chapter 13 of I Corinthians.

AN EXPOSURE of approximately 1/100,000 of a second was required when Professor Harold E. Edgerton and his associates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology photographed the wing action of a humming-bird in mid air.

THE BIBLE belonging to the late Czar Nicholas II of Imperial Russia was found recently in one of London's many second-hand book-stores. The Bible was given to the Czar by the British and Foreign Bible Society at his coronation in May, 1896.

From the Mission Field

DEPARTING MISSIONARIES



ANNA SAUNDERS

DORIS PRATT

Anna Saunders, lady missionary, who has laboured in Hull and Birmingham Districts, was honourably released on Wednesday, August 16th, and will return to her home in Ogden, Utah.

Doris Pratt, lady missionary, who has laboured in Liverpool and Birmingham Districts, was honourably released on Wednesday, August 16th, and will return to her home in Ogden, Utah.

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TRANSFERS

Elder Dean E. Smith was transferred from Nottingham District to London District on Thursday, August 17th.

Elder L. Blaine Cummard was transferred from London District to Liverpool District on Thursday, August 17th.

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DOINGS IN THE DISTRICTS

Bristol

On August Bank Holiday fifty members and friends of Bristol District gathered for a seashore outing at Weston-super-Mare. The day was spent in sports, competitions, swimming, games and dancing. Cheltenham Branch was first in the sports contests with a total of 27 points, followed by Bristol Branch with 19, Plymouth with 14, and Stroud Branch with 5. Later there were retold story and recitation contests won respectively by Sister Florence Parker for Cheltenham and Sister Dorothy Burroughs for Bristol. Individually prepared

lunches were served. Brother Herbert S. Millard of Bristol Branch was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by Brother and Sister Frank H. Armstrong, and Supervising Elder Don R. Watkins was in charge of activities.

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Hull

The Annual outing of Hull Branch Relief Society was held on Saturday, July 29th. All present had an enjoyable day under the direction of Sister Amelia Ransom, Relief Society president.

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London

Members and friends of South London Branch continued their series of summer outings with a gathering on August Bank Holiday. The party went by train to Richmond in the morning, spending the forenoon in active games. A picnic lunch was served on the bank of the Thames. Disappointing weather terminated the out-door activities rather abruptly and the group attended a cinema during the late afternoon. Later they went to South London recreation hall and enjoyed an evening's social. The outing was under the direction of Brother Charles Stephenson and Sister Gwendoline Silsbury, M.I.A. presidents.

Two farewell parties were held recently in honour of Elder David S. King by members of London District. The first was held at the home of Sister Gwendoline Silsbury on Wednesday, August 10th. President Hugh B. Brown was a special guest of the evening and about 30 members of South London M.I.A. were in attendance. An enjoyable supper was served, after which Elder King was presented with a leather wallet in token of the love and respect of the members of the M.I.A.

On Monday, August 14th, a farewell party was held for Elder King by the London District Presidency at South London Branch Chapel,

Approximately 150 members and friends were in attendance. The following programme, arranged by Supervising Elder Aldon J. Anderson, Jr., was presented: Community singing under the direction of Lady Missionaries Louise Matheson and Aloa Dixon; a humorous skit, performed by missionaries of the mission office; a chalk talk by Elder John E. Gillespie, Jr.; vocal solos by Brother Arthur A. Butler; readings by Brother James P. Hill, and by Sister Madeline Hill. During the programme Sister Kitty Horner presented Elder King with a large birthday cake on behalf of South London members. Refreshments, prepared by Brother Butler, were served during an interval of the programme. Further presentations were given to Elder King by Brother Hill, on behalf of London District saints; and by Elder Charles W. Romney on behalf of the London District missionaries; and by Sister Eileen G. Murza on behalf of the women of the branch. Brother Hill was master of ceremonies during the evening and Elder Anderson gave a speech paying tribute to the labours of the departing missionary.

South London Y.M.M.I.A. was reorganized recently. Brother Charles Stephenson was appointed president with Brother Robert Wicks first counsellor and Elder Charles W. Romney second counsellor.

A baptismal service was held at South London Branch Chapel on Sunday, August 13th. The following ordinances took place: William J. Jolliffe was baptized by Brother W. O. Chipping and confirmed by Brother James R. Cunningham; William H. T. Hamilton was baptized and confirmed by Brother Alfred John Willmott; Lillian Hamilton was baptized by Elder Samuel S. Musser and confirmed by Elder Charles W. Romney; William B. Hamilton was baptized by Brother Albert H. Willmott and confirmed by Brother Alfred James Willmott. Short talks were given by Elders Romney and Aldon J. Anderson, Jr., and musical selections were provided by Sister Constance Chipping. The service was conducted by London District presidency and Supervising Elder David S. King.

Manchester

A birthday party was held on Monday, August 7th, in Rochdale Branch for Elder Ralph J. Tingey, by the branch Priesthood and Relief Society organizations. At the conclusion of an interesting programme, supper was served and a birthday cake containing twenty-one candles was presented to Elder Tingey by Sister Emily Howarth. Brother George Fogg gave the birthday toast. Those taking part on the programme were: Brothers Fogg and Richard Melling, Sister Marie Fitton, Mrs. Nellie Ashworth, Elders Ralph J. Tingey, Harold L. Allen, John W. Palmer, Lee L. Frodsham and Morris L. Mickelson; Lady Missionaries Mildred Page and Eleanor Amott, and Brothers Ralph S. Mount and Frank Ward. Brothers Mount and Ward from London District were visiting in Rochdale. There were 46 members and friends in attendance.

On Sunday, August 6th, under the direction of Mission President Hugh B. Brown, Rochdale Branch Presidency was reorganized. Brother George E. Dale was released as president of Rochdale Branch and set apart in the district presidency. Brother Frank Kelsh was set apart as branch president.



Millennial Chorus

During the past few weeks the chorus has been giving concerts in many of the hospitals, cinemas, barracks, and clubs in Aberdeen, Scotland. On Thursday, August 10th, a programme was given before the kilted Gordon Highlanders at the army quarters. On Sunday, August 13th, a programme was presented to the beach crowds at the Beach Ballroom "Deedon," as part of the regular Sunday concert. Upwards of two thousand were in attendance at this concert. During the week of August 14th to 19th, a twice-daily appearance was made on the stage of one of the local cinemas and a special music hall concert is to be held on Friday, August 25th, at which time President Hugh B. Brown will speak. The chorus is receiving very favourable newspaper publicity during their stay.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

All meetings begin at 6.30 Sunday evenings unless otherwise indicated.



- Aberdeen:**
West Front Room.
Music Hall,
Union Street.
- Accrington:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**
†L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Purwell Lane.
- Belfast:**
†Arcade Buildings,
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street.
Handsworth.
Council Schools,
Stratford Road,
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Saving Bank Chambers,
Lord Street, West.
- Bolton:**
Corporation
Chambers.
- Bradford:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**
105, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**
L. D. S. Hall, Zion Rd.,
off Clarence Road.
- Burnley:**
§L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.
- Carlisle:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Scotch Street.
- Cheltenham-Stroud:**
Theosophical Hall,
St. Margaret's Ter.,
Off North Place,
Cheltenham.
- Clayton:**
*Central Hall.
- Derby:**
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**
†L. D. S. Hall,
8 Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**
Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Street.
- Gainsborough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
4B, Silver Street.
- Gateshead:**
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**
South Side
Masonic Hall,
30, Abbotsford Pl., C.5.
- Gravesend:**
Darnley Street Chapel.
- Great Yarmouth:**
L. D. S. Hall,
33a, Regent Street.
- Grimby:**
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street.
- Guisborough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Back of 13 Church St.
- Halifax:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
35, Brinton Terrace,
Off Hansen Lane.
- Hucknall:**
*Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Wellington Lane, and
Berkeley Street.
- Hyde:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Reynolds Street.
- Kidderminster:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Park Street.
- Leeds:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
5, King Charles St.
- Leicester:**
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane
S.W.12.
Downham Fellowship
Club, between 29 & 30,
Arcus Rd., off Glenbow
Rd., Catford.
Ivy Hall,
Wellesley Road,
Gunnersbury, W.4.
- Loughborough:**
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road,
C. on M.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
21, Bottomly Street,
Off Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**
*L. D. S. Chapel,
89, St. Michael's Road.
- Nottingham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
60, Park Lane.
- Nuneaton:**
Masonic Hall.
- Oldham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Neville Street.
- Plymouth:**
L. D. S. Hall,
114, Tavistock Road,
Park Street.
- Pontllanfraith:**
Enquire:
81, Brynteg Street.
- Preston, Lancs:**
L. D. S. Hall,
44, Avenham St.
Off Fishergate.
- Rawmarsh:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Main Street.
- Rochdale:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff St.
- Sheffield:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.
- South Shields:**
L. D. S. Hall,
36, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
18, Tunstall Road.
- Tipton, Wolverhampton:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Washington Building,
Berry Street.
- Varteg:**
Memorial Hall.
- West Hartlepool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
7, Osborne Road
- Wigan:**
*L and Y Station

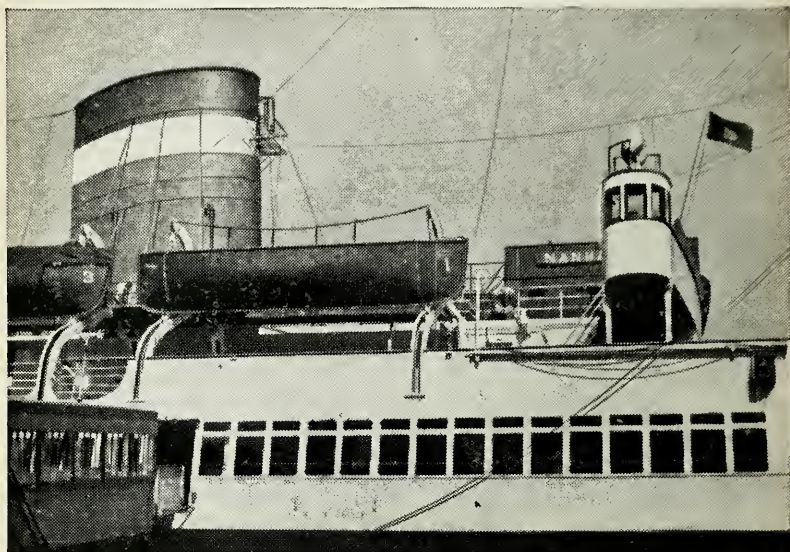
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